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SUBJECT: UNFICYP RENEWAL: FM CHRISTOPHIDES' MEETING WITH
GOVERNOR SCRANTON - DECEMBER 8

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: FM CHRISTOPHIDES CALLED ON GOVERNOR
SCRANTON ON DECEMBER 8 TO CONVEY GOC THINKING ON SECURITY
COUNCIL MEETINGS NEXT WEEK ON UNFICYP RENEWAL. CHRISTOPHIDES
SAID IT WAS UNCLEAR AT THIS STAGE WHAT CYPRUS GOVERNMENT
WOULD SEEK IN RESOLUTION, BUT QUESTIONS OF TURKISH ARMY
ACTIONS IN BUFFER ZONE, GREEK/CYPRIOT EXPULSIONS FROM
NORTHERN CYPRUS, AND 31ST GA RESOLUTION ON CYPRUS WERE
CONNECTED TO UNFICYP. SCRANTON NOTED IMPORTANCE OF BOTH
SIDES AGREEING TO UNFICYP RENEWAL AND ASKED TO BE KEPT
INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS. END SUMMARY.

2. CYPRUS FOREIGN MINISTER CHRISTOPHIDES CALLED ON
GOVERNOR SCRANTON ON DECEMBER 8. CHRISTOPHIDES REMARKED
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THAT HE WOULD BE CALLING ON ALL PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE

SECURITY COUNCIL AS WELL AS THE PRESIDENT (ROMANIA). CHRISTOPHIDES NOTED THAT THERE WERE IMPORTANT ISSUES IN ADDITION TO THE SETTLEMENT PROBLEM WHICH ARE CONNECTED TO UNFICYP: THE TURKISH ARMY'S ATTEMPTING TO MAKE THE BUFFER ZONES UNAPPROACHABLE TO ANYONE; THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE TO UN AND TO GOC; THE CONTINUING EXPULSION OF GREEK/CYPRIOTS FROM THE NORTH WHICH HAS NOW ACCELERATED TO AROUND 50 PER DAY, AND THE REFERENCE IN GA RES ADOPTED IN NOVEMBER TO THE SC'S CONSIDERING STEPS TO IMPLEMENT EARLIER RESES.

3. IN RESPONSE TO SCRANTON'S QUERY ON THE RESOLUTION, CHRISTOPHIDES SAID THAT HE HAD NOT DECIDED WHICH ELEMENTS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN A DRAFT RESOLUTION RENEWING UNFICYP. HE POINTED OUT THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED MATTER WITH TFSC "FOREIGN MINISTER" CELIK WHO UNDERSTANDABLY PREFERRED A ROUTINE PROCEDURAL RESOLUTION. CHRISTOPHIDES INDICATED HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH AS DEVELOPMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE RESOLUTION TOOK PLACE. SCRANTON EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR CHRISTOPHIDES' CALL AND REMARKED ON IMPORTANCE OF BOTH SIDES AGREEING TO DRAFT RESOLUTION TO RENEW UNFICYP MANDATE.

4. DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL FOR SPECIAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS TOLD MISOFF THAT SC CONSULTATIONS ON UNFICYP RENEWAL WOULD PROBABLY BE SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 13 WITH MEETING(S) ON DECEMBER 14 AND 15 AS NECESSARY. HE SAID SYG'S REPORT WOULD PROBABLY BE AVAILABLE ON DECEMBER 9 OR 10. SCRANTON
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